MRTP Commission is a quasi-judicial body, 'enquiries before the Commission are the subjudice.

(f) attd(g) On the basis of experience g after 1991 Amendment of MRTP Act, MRTP Commission recenv[1] ipme suggestions sation of'this Act. These woul I ed in consultation v/ith the concerned Authorit

Regulatory mechanism in liberalisation process [f]

2657. SHRI 'PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : V/ill the PRIME WD TER be pleased

(a) whether it is a fact that in the proct liberalisation of an economy and the consequent privatisation, there is a need to s: then the overall regj eluding the provisions of the MRTP Act;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken during the past four years in this direction;

(c) if not, in what manner Government propose to prevent the possible misuse of liberalisation and privatisation; and

(d) what has been the experience and practice of the western countries and also those countries which have gone through the pr< of liberalisation during thelast decade or so, in the matter of need to strengthen the regulatory mechanism ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI II. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) to (d) Several changes have been made in the MRTP Act, 1969 since its enactment. The last amendment was made in 1991. On the basis of experience gained, MRTP Commission has recently made same suy tions for further rationalisation of this Act.. These would be considered in consultation with concerned authorities, having regard to the laws and practices in other developed countries.

MRTPC action agai-.st Coca Cola and Pepsi Cola

2658. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the M.R.T.P.Ct has taken action against multinational companies, Coca Cola and Pepsi Cpia for indulging in several restrictive trade practices falling under M.R.T.P.;

(b) if so, when;

(c) what are the details of 'he actions tiie Commission has taken against such multinational companies; and

(d) when will the M.R.T.P.C. ensure that these restrictive clauses arc removed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRIH. F M) : ta)to(d) Director Generai JhvestL. L Registration has filed application dated 18-4-1994 against M/s. Coca Cola. Company USA and M/s. Brindavan Agro industries Ltd. and another application dated 29-6-1994 against Pepsi Co. Inc., M/s. Pepsi Foods Ltd. and Agra Beverages Corporation Ltd. under Section 10(a)(iii) of the MRTP Act before the MRTP Commission. The Honourable Commission hat. already issued notices of enquiries against the said respondents. The Commission being a quasi-judicial body, both the matters are subjudice.

Modification of MRTP Act

2659. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that certain provisions of the MRTP Act were modified to facilitate the liberalisation process;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to strengthen the MRTP Act to deal with the liberalised regime, on the pattern of Anti-trust and other laws in the USA, UK etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) to (c) Several changes have beeu made in the MRTP Act, 1969 since its enactment, the last amendment was made in 1991. On the basis of experience gained, MRTP Commission has recently made some suggestions for further rationalisation of this Act» These would be considered in consultation with concerned authorities, having regard to the laws and practices, in other developed country.